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SUBJECT: PROFESSOR GRANT FOR RELC

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1. RELC REGRETS NO RPT NO STAFF HOUSING AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. PIERCE THEREFORE WILL HAVE TO SEEK OWN ACCOMODATION. TWO GUEST ROOMS IN RELC INTERNATIONAL HOUSE HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR PIERCE FOR USE AS TEMPORARY HOUSING. GUEST ROOM RATES ARE US\$125 PER MONTH, PER ROOM.

2. IN DETERMINING PIERCE'S HOUSING ALLOWANCE, WE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT FOLLOW GUIDELINES EMBASSY RENT CONTROL BOARD, WHICH STIPULATES ONE MONTH'S RENT AS TEN PERCENT OF AN EMPLOYEE'S ANNUAL SALARY IN U.S. DOLLARS, READ AS SINGAPORE DOLLARS. WE HAD BETTER GIVE AN EXAMPLE: IF ANNUAL SALARY (OR AMOUNT OF BASIC GRANT) IS US\$15,000, THEN MONTHLY RENT ALLOWANCE WOULD BE S\$1,500, WHICH AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE IS EQUIVALENT TO US\$625 PER MONTH. IF SALARY IS US\$20,000, THEN MONTHLY RENT IS S\$2,000, OR US\$833. ALL RATES ARE FOR FURNISHED QUARTERS ONLY.

3. MONTHLY UTILITY COSTS ARE ROUGHLY S\$350 (US\$145.83) TO S\$500 (US\$208.33) DEPENDING UPON USAGE. SOME APARTMENTS INCLUDE UTILITIES IN RENT, BUT THEN RENTAL COSTS CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE HIGHER.

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4. PIERCE'S MAIN TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE

WITH FOUR-MONTH CERTIFICATE COURSE, TEACHING GENERAL LINGUISTICS I (FIFTEEN HOURS) AND ENGLISH PHONOLOGY (EIGHT HOURS). HE ALSO EXPECTED CONDUCT SIX SEMINAR SESSIONS ON SOCIOLINGUISTICS IN THREE-MONTHS SPECIALIZED ADVANCED COURSE IN METHODS OF RESEARCH IN LANGUAGE AND LANGUAGE TEACHING, BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER. OUTLINE SYLLABUSES OF PREVIOUS COURSES HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO POST WHICH WE SHALL HOLD FOR PIERCE'S ARRIVAL AS TIME IS SO SHORT.

5. RELC EXPECTS PIERCE SIT IN ON JULY 23-27 SEMINAR ON "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND RESEARCH IN READING RELEVANT TO THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF ENGLISH IN SOUTHEAST ASIA," AND SUBSEQUENT TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON "THE DEVELOPMENT OF READING ABILITY" (SEE REF. B).

6. ADVISE FIRM ETA SOONEST.
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